

Fishery Conservation and Management

§ 654.24

(c) *Gear belonging to others.* No fisherman may willfully tend, open, pull, or otherwise molest another fisherman's trap, buoy, or line in the management area without the prior written consent of that fisherman.

§654.23 Southwest Florida seasonal trawl closure.

From January 1 to 1 hour after sunset (local time) May 20, each year, the area described in this section is closed to trawling, including trawling for live bait. The area is that part of the management area shoreward of a line connecting the following points (see Appendix A, Figure 2, of this part):

Point	North Latitude	West Longitude
B ¹	26°16'	81°58.5'
C	26°00'	82°04'
D	25°09'	81°47.6'
E	24°54.5'	81°50.5'
M ¹	24°49.3'	81°46.4'

¹ On the seaward limit of Florida's waters.

§654.24 Shrimp/stone crab separation zones.

Five zones are established in the management area and Florida's waters off Citrus and Hernando Counties for the separation of shrimp trawling and stone crab trapping. The zones are as shown in Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part. Although Zone II is entirely within Florida's waters, it is included in this section and Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part for the convenience of fishermen. Restrictions that apply to Zone II and those parts of the other zones that are in Florida's waters are contained in Rule 46-38.001, Florida Administrative Code. Geographical coordinates of the points referred to in this paragraph and shown in Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part are as follows (loran readings are unofficial and are included only for the convenience of fishermen):

Point	North latitude	West longitude	Loran Chain 7980			
			W	X	Y	Z
A	28°59'30"	82°45'36"	14416.5	31409.4	45259.1	62895.3
B	28°59'30"	83°00'10"	14396.0	31386.3	45376.8	63000.0
C	28°26'01"	82°59'47"	14301.5	31205.9	45103.2	63000.0
D	28°26'01"	82°56'54"	14307.0	31212.2	45080.0	62981.3
E	28°41'39"	82°55'25"	14353.7	31300.2	45193.9	62970.0
F	28°41'39"	82°56'09"	14352.4	31298.6	45199.4	62975.0
G	28°48'56"	82°56'19"	14372.6	31337.2	45260.0	62975.0
H	28°53'51"	82°51'19"	14393.9	31371.8	45260.0	62938.7
I	28°54'43"	82°44'52"	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
J	28°51'09"	82°44'00"	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
K	28°50'59"	82°54'16"	14381.6	31351.8	45260.0	62960.0
L	28°41'39"	82°53'56"	14356.2	31303.0	45181.7	62960.0
M	28°41'39"	82°38'46"	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
N	28°41'39"	82°53'12"	14357.4	31304.4	45176.0	62955.0
O	28°30'51"	82°55'11"	14323.7	31242.4	45104.9	62970.0
P	28°40'00"	82°53'08"	14352.9	31295.7	45161.8	62955.0
Q	28°40'00"	82°47'58"	14361.3	31305.4	45120.0	62920.0
R	28°35'14"	82°47'47"	14348.6	31280.6	45080.0	62920.0
S	28°30'51"	82°52'55"	14327.7	31247.0	45086.6	62955.0
T	28°27'46"	82°55'09"	14315.2	31225.8	45080.0	62970.0
U	28°30'51"	82°52'09"	14329.1	31248.6	45080.0	62949.9

¹ Crystal River Entrance Light 1A.

² Long Pt. (southwest tip).

³ Shoreline.

(a) *Zone I* is enclosed by rhumb lines connecting, in order, points A, B, C, D, T, E, F, G, H, I, and J, plus the shoreline between points A and J. It is unlawful to trawl in that part of Zone I that is in the EEZ during the period October 5 through May 20, each year.

(b) *Zone II* is enclosed by rhumb lines connecting, in order, points J, I, H, K,

L, and M, plus the shoreline between points J and M.

(c) *Zone III* is enclosed by rhumb lines connecting, in order, points P, Q, R, U, S, and P. It is unlawful to trawl in that part of Zone III that is in the EEZ during the period October 5 through May 20, each year.